



# *Updating the California Recreational Trails Plan*

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PRC 5070.7: The director shall cause to be prepared, and continuously maintained, a comprehensive plan for the development and operation of a statewide system of recreation trails

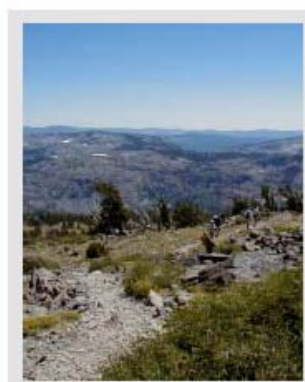
# California

## Recreational Trails Plan

Phase 1  
June 2002



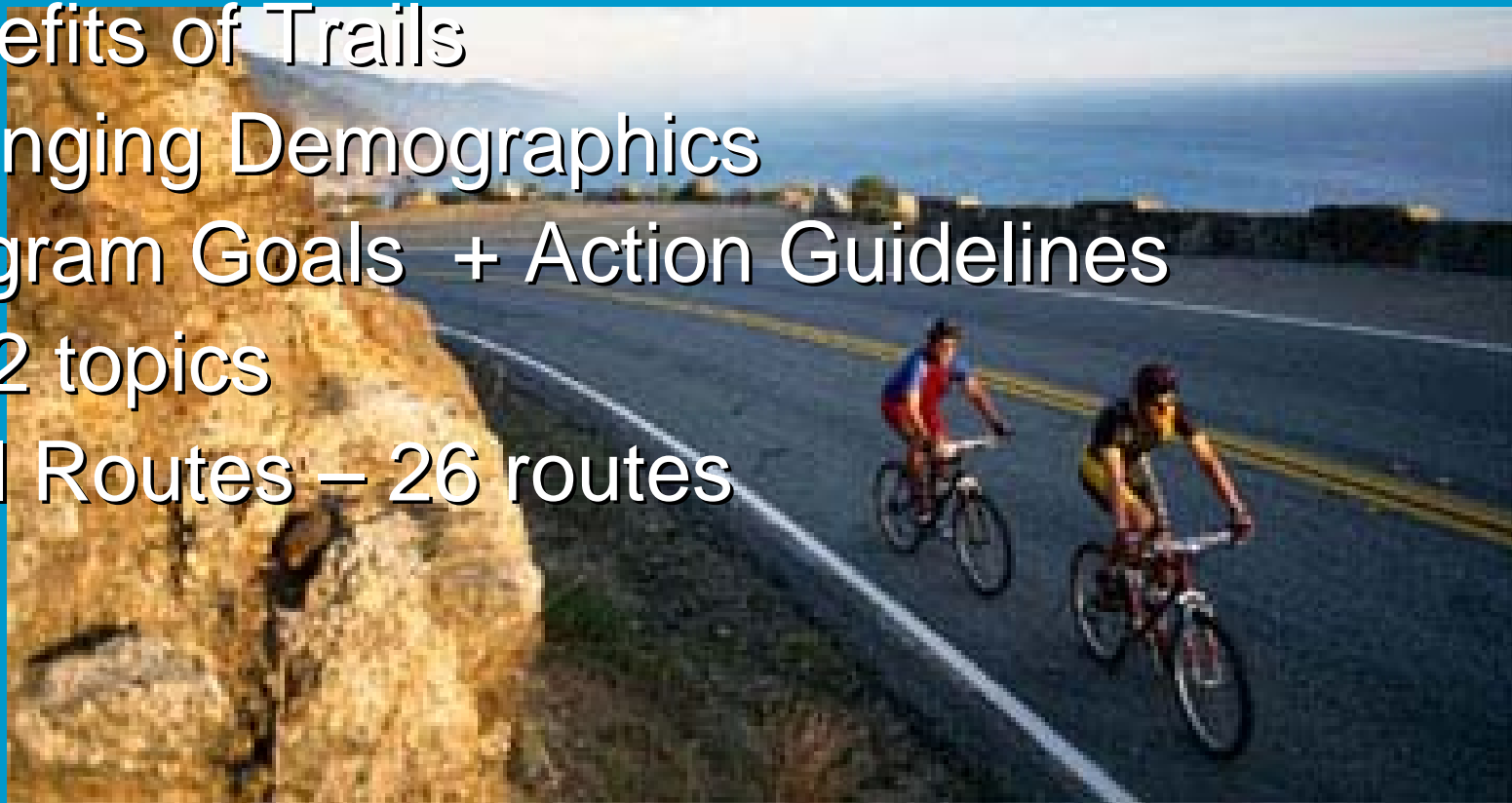
"The face and character of our country are determined by what we do with America and its resources."  
*Thomas Jefferson*





# Plan Contents

- State Parks' Basic Trails Philosophy
- History of Trails
- Benefits of Trails
- Changing Demographics
- Program Goals + Action Guidelines
  - 12 topics
- Trail Routes – 26 routes





# Funding

Develop  
adequate and  
stable funding for  
planning,  
acquisition,  
development,  
and  
management of  
trails





# Trails Inventory



**Prepare  
regional and  
statewide  
inventories of  
existing,  
planned, and  
potential trails.**



# Trail Advocacy and Collaboration



**Develop and encourage expanded cooperation and collaboration among trail advocates, wildlife advocates, and cultural resource advocates to maximize resource protection, education, and trail use opportunities**





# Trail Research

**Promote research that documents trail usage, environmental impacts and trail-based recreational trends and identifies future issues and needs.**





# Trail Stewardship



**Promote adequate design, construction, relocation, and maintenance of trails in order to optimize public access and resource conservation.**





# Encouraging Public Use of Trails

**Encourage public use of and support for trails programs throughout California.**





# Trail Accessibility



**Provide trail users with easily accessible trails and accurate information on trail locations and conditions.**



# Multi-Use Trail Cooperation

**Provide the maximum opportunities for the public use of trails by encouraging the appropriate expansion of multi-use trails.**





# Private Property Owners



**Work to identify and resolve conflicts between property owners and trail users and advocates.**





# Regional and Statewide Land Use Planning

**Promote and encourage the incorporation of trails and greenways development and linkages into all local and statewide land use planning**





# Program Leadership

The Department's Statewide Trails Office will continue its guidance and leadership roles in promoting the advancement of trails and trails programs throughout California.





# California Riding and Hiking Trail



• Evaluate the status of previously secured easements for the California Riding and Hiking Trail and evaluate the feasibility for continuance of the trail's expansion.



# Trail Corridors

- Pedestrian trails
- Bikeways
- Equestrian trails
- Boating trails
- Trails and areas suitable for disabled and elderly
- Cross country ski trails
- Heritage corridors







# Trail Corridors

- American Discovery Trail
- Backbone Trail
- Mokelumne Coast to Crest Trail
- Pacific Crest Trail
- Rim of the Valley Trail
- San Diegito River Park
- Coast to Crest Trail
- San Francisco Bay Trail
- San Joaquin River Trail
- Juan Batista de Anza Historic Trail
- Lake Tahoe Bikeway 2000
- Bay Area Ridge Trail
- Redwood Coast to Crest Trail
- Tahoe Rim Trail
- Pony Express Nat'l Historic Trail
- Tuolumne Complex
- Coastal Trail
- Merced River Trail
- Questa to Sespe Trail
- Condor Trail
- Santa Clara River Trail
- Los Angeles-Rio Hondo Rivers Trail
- San Gabriel River Trail
- Whittier to Ortega Trail
- Santa Ana River Trail
- Trans County Trail
- California Desert Trail



# Trails Progress Report

PRC 5073: Every two years following completion of the plan..., the director shall submit a report to the Legislature describing progress in carrying out the plan....





# Trails Progress Report

- We want to hear about your trails' progress
- Pick up State Parks' progress report summary today
- Complete your progress report at the conference
- Mail or e-mail your progress report to State Parks' Statewide Trails Program





# Your Trails Project and the State Trails Plan



**Funding priority for listed trail corridors and connecting routes:**

- **Recreational Trail Program**
- **Habitat Conservation Fund**
- **Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program**
- **LWCF**





# Your Trails Project and the State Trails Plan

**Statewide Trails Program technical assistance for listed trail corridors and connecting routes:**

- **Coastal Trail – Mendocino, Monterey, and San Luis Obispo Counties**
- **Bay Ridge Trail /Hiking and Riding Trail in San Mateo County**
- **Hiking and Riding Trail – San Diego County**





# Your Trails Project and the State Trails Plan



Priority for projects that help attain Trails Plan policy goals



# Your Trails Project and the State Trails Plan

- Public awareness
- Constituency development
- Advocacy





# Your Trails Project and the State Trails Plan



Guidance to consider in managing trails in your area